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Re: Application Serial No.: 10/724,430  
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Attorney Docket No.: 0140114

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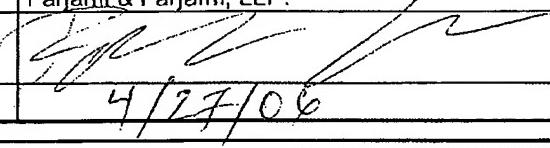
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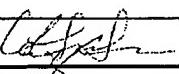
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Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### **Complete if Known**

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#### **1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

#### **2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$)
50
25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200	100
360	180

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity
Fee (\$)
Fee (\$)

Total Claims      Extra Claims      Fee (\$)      Fee Paid (\$)      Multiple Dependent Claims

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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
6	- 4 =	2	x	200	=	400

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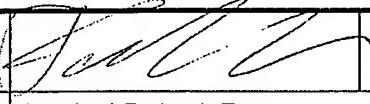
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### **SUBMITTED BY**

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Serial No.: 10/724,430

Filed: November 28, 2003

For: COMPUTATIONALLY EFFICIENT  
BACKGROUND NOISE SUPPRESSOR  
FOR SPEECH CODING AND SPEECH  
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Art Unit: 2626

Examiner: Abebe, Daniel D.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in response to the *Non-Final* Office Action, dated April 13, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

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